**100 Awesome Search Engines for Bibliophiles**

The Internet is home to loads of resources for tried and true book lovers as well as numerous search engines and directories that can help you sort through those resources to find just what you need. Whether you want to find a great deal on the latest thriller or do some extensive research for a school project, these 100 search engines and web tools can help to point you in the right direction, saving you time that can be better spent reading.

**General**

These sites cover a wide range of book searching needs from getting recommendations to finding out more about a particular book.

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